This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) ~~The apparatus according to claim 2,~~ An apparatus comprising a body, a nut holder, and a nut member,

wherein the body comprises an end surface, a bolt insertion hole, and a nut retainer, a bolt being insertable into the bolt insertion hole from the end surface of the body in a predetermined inclined direction and past the nut retainer before the bolt is fastened to the nut member,

the nut retainer positioned at an insertion end of the bolt insertion hole in the body and against which a nut member having a threaded hole abuts, and

the nut holder mounted on the body for supporting the nut member securely in the predetermined inclined direction before the bolt is fastened, wherein the nut holder comprises an engaging portion engaging with the body, and a side surface support portion supporting a side surface of the nut member, and an end surface support portion supporting an end surface of the nut member, wherein the side surface support portion forms a V-shaped groove,

wherein the nut member is retained and supported in the predetermined inclined direction at a position between the nut retainer and the nut holder and continuous with the bolt insertion hole; and

wherein, when the bolt is fastened to the nut member, a fastening force is applied directly to the nut retainer by the nut member and not to the nut holder.

4. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim ~~2~~3, wherein the end surface support portion includes a bolt insertion hole in communication with the threaded hole of the nut member.

5. (Currently amended) ~~The apparatus according to claim 1,~~ An apparatus comprising a body, a

nut holder, and a nut member,

wherein the body comprises an end surface, a bolt insertion hole, and a nut retainer, a bolt being insertable into the bolt insertion hole from the end surface of the body in a predetermined inclined direction and past the nut retainer before the bolt is fastened to the nut member,

the nut retainer positioned at an insertion end of the bolt insertion hole in the body and against which a nut member having a threaded hole abuts, and

the nut holder mounted on the body for supporting the nut member securely in the predetermined inclined direction before the bolt is fastened, wherein the nut holder is mounted to the body from below the body,

wherein the nut member is retained and supported in the predetermined inclined direction at a position between the nut retainer and the nut holder and continuous with the bolt insertion hole; and

wherein, when the bolt is fastened to the nut member, a fastening force is applied directly to the nut retainer by the nut member and not to the nut holder.

6. (Currently amended) ~~The apparatus according to claim 2,~~ An apparatus comprising a body, a nut holder, and a nut member,

wherein the body comprises an end surface, a bolt insertion hole, and a nut retainer, a bolt being insertable into the bolt insertion hole from the end surface of the body in a predetermined inclined direction and past the nut retainer before the bolt is fastened to the nut member,

the nut retainer positioned at an insertion end of the bolt insertion hole in the body and against which a nut member having a threaded hole abuts, and

the nut holder mounted on the body for supporting the nut member securely in the predetermined inclined direction before the bolt is fastened, wherein the nut holder comprises an engaging portion engaging with the body, and a side surface support portion supporting a side surface of the nut member, and an end surface support portion supporting an end surface of the nut member, wherein the nut holder is mounted to the body from below the body,

wherein the nut member is retained and supported in the predetermined inclined direction at a position between the nut retainer and the nut holder and continuous with the bolt insertion

hole; and

wherein, when the bolt is fastened to the nut member, a fastening force is applied directly to the nut retainer by the nut member and not to the nut holder.

7. (Currently amended) The apparatus according to claim ~~1~~5, wherein the nut holder is made of resin.

8. (Currently amended) The apparatus according to claim ~~1~~3, wherein the nut retainer includes a side surface retainer for contact with a side surface of the nut member, and an end surface retainer for contact with an end surface of the nut member.

9. First Occurrence (Canceled)

9. Second Occurrence (Canceled)

10. (Previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 6, wherein the nut retainer includes a side surface retainer for contact with a side surface of the nut member, and an end surface retainer for contact with an end surface of the nut member.

11. (Currently amended) The apparatus according to claim ~~1~~5, wherein the body is made of aluminum by die casting.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim ~~1~~5, wherein the end surface of the body includes a positioning section for coupling a lateral frame member to the end surface of the body, wherein when the bolt is fastened to the nut member, the lateral frame member is brought into abutment against the positioning section.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently amended) The apparatus according to claim ~~15~~19, further comprising an engaging portion capable of engaging with the body, a side surface support portion supporting a side surface of the nut member, and an end surface support portion for supporting an end surface of the nut member.

17. (Currently amended) ~~The apparatus according to claim 16,~~ An apparatus comprising a body having a bolt insertion hole and a nut holder for fastening a bolt to the body, the bolt being insertable into an end surface of the body and through the bolt insertion hole in a predetermined inclined direction, wherein the nut holder is mounted on the body in the predetermined inclined direction from the inserting direction of the bolt in a state wherein a nut member is supported in the predetermined inclined direction, thereby holding the nut member in a predetermined position; and wherein, when the bolt is fastened to the nut member, a fastening force is applied directly to the body and not to the nut holder;

the apparatus further comprising an engaging portion capable of engaging with the body, a side surface support portion supporting a side surface of the nut member, and an end surface support portion for supporting an end surface of the nut member, wherein the side surface support portion forms a V-shaped groove.

18. (Previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 17, wherein the end surface support portion includes a bolt insertion hole through which the bolt can be inserted.

19. (Currently amended) ~~The apparatus according to claim 15,~~ An apparatus comprising a body having a bolt insertion hole and a nut holder for fastening a bolt to the body, the bolt being insertable into an end surface of the body and through the bolt insertion hole in a predetermined inclined direction, wherein the nut holder is mounted on the body in the predetermined inclined

direction from the inserting direction of the bolt in a state wherein a nut member is supported in the predetermined inclined direction, thereby holding the nut member in a predetermined position; and wherein, when the bolt is fastened to the nut member, a fastening force is applied directly to the body and not to the nut holder; wherein the nut holder is mounted on the body from below the body.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Currently amended) The apparatus according to claim ~~15~~19, wherein the nut holder is made of resin.

22. (Previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the nut retainer includes a side surface retainer for contact with a side surface of the nut member, and an end surface retainer for contact with an end surface of the nut member.